

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Finnegan Frederick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC  
 [CRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/19/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP of Sales and Marketing

C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC., 60 WESTVIEW ROAD  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LEXINGTON, MA 02421

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	09/19/2005		M		13,058	A	\$ 1.05 29,295 D
Common Stock	09/19/2005		M		11,111	A	\$ 1.05 40,406 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.05	09/19/2005		M	13,058	<sup>(1)</sup> 10/15/2013	Common Stock	13,058
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.05	09/19/2005		M	11,111	<sup>(3)</sup> 12/19/2013	Common Stock	11,111

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Finnegan Frederick C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC. 60 WESTVIEW ROAD LEXINGTON, MA 02421			SVP of Sales and Marketing	

## Signatures

/s/ Frederick  
Finnegan

09/26/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Of the option to purchase 26,666 shares of Common Stock of Critical Therapeutics, Inc. originally granted on October 15, 2003, 25% of (1) the underlying shares vested on September 8, 2004. The remainder of the underlying shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments beginning one month thereafter.

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(2) Not applicable.

Of the option to purchase 64,950 shares of Common Stock of Critical Therapeutics, Inc. originally granted on December 19, 2003, 25% of the underlying shares vested on December 19, 2003. 50% of of the underlying shares vest in four equal annual installments on each of

(3) December 31, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 based on the satisfaction of certain performance objectives as determined by the Company, provided that any of such shares that remain unvested shall vest on December 31, 2008. The remaining 25% of the underlying shares vest under a schedule providing for one-quarter to become exercisable on December 19, 2004 and the remaining three-quarters to become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments beginning one month thereafter.

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